

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The present amendment is submitted in an earnest effort to advance this case to issue without delay.

1. The Examiner's acknowledgment of the priority papers in paragraph 12 of PTOL 326 and acceptance of the drawing filed 14 May 2004 in paragraph 10 are appreciated.

2. Claims 1-14 have been replaced by claims 15-17 which patentably distinguish over the art.

Claim 15 recites a base plate (102) having a plate-shaped portion juxtaposed with a wall (104) of a vehicle body and a threaded stud (106) passing through a hole (105) in the wall. The housing (103) composed of plastic encloses the antenna element (113) mounted upon the base plate (102). An injected-molded seal (108) is disposed between the base plate (102) and wall (104) and has an inner seal body (108') hugging the stud (106), an outer seal bead (108'') projecting through an opening in the plate-shaped portion. That opening has ridges (109, 110) flanking the opening (claim 17) and beads having generally a circular cross section (claim 16).

3. GOMEZ patent 6,773,018 has a member 2 with a raised bead 150 which can surround the installation orifice. There is no seal portion between beads projecting through an opening in a



plate-shaped portion of the base or an outer bead interposed between an outer edge of the base plate and the wall. Thus, since GOMEZ does not meet all of the requirements of claim 15, it is not anticipated.

4. Claims 15-17 distinguish over GOMEZ as well under 35 USC 103 in that a seal which is coterminous of the outer edge of the base plate and has two beads which engage the wall and are braced by the base plate thereagainst and has another portion projecting through the opening between ridges (claim 17) would not be obvious from anything in GOMEZ or, for that matter, GOMEZ taken with the secondary references.

Claims 15-17 thus ought to be considered to be allowable and an early Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

5. A petition for a two month extension of the term is enclosed together with a charge form for the petition fee.

Respectfully submitted,
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